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                                MANAGEMENT AND A ACCESS CONTROL TO DATABASES  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before Paragraph 1 insert

--                      CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

                        This application is the US national phase  
of PCT application PCT/EP2002/012816 filed 15  
November 2002 with a claim to the priority of  
PCT patent application PCT/EP2002/012816 itself  
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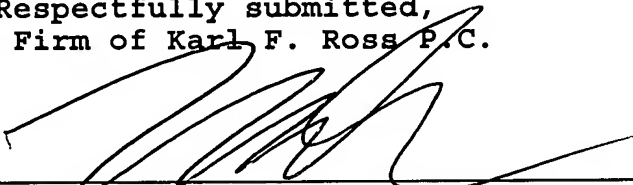
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This preliminary amendment is submitted to provide the cross reference between the present US national phase of the PCT application PCT/EP2002/012816 to the international application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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